

Weather Forecast  
Fair tonight and Friday. Cold tonight. Moderate to fresh northwest winds.

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Good Evening—

Pastime, so acceptable to the young, is almost indispensable to the old.—Silvestre.

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## COURT HOLDS FORMER MER ROUGE MAYOR Commissioners of Columbus Lined Up For Bombs

### Condensed News for Busy People

A Summary of the Day's News

London — A Central News dispatch from Rome reported sanguinary encounters between fascisti and communists in various places in Italy during the Christmas holidays.

Cairo—The fourteenth attack on British officials in Egypt during the past year took place when Dr. Newby Robson, a lawyer, was shot and killed by an Egyptian effendi.

London — T. W. Rhys Davids, scholar and lecturer, died.

Washington — Colonel Rufus H. Lane was nominated by President Harding to be adjutant and inspector of the marine corps with the rank of brigadier general.

Berlin — A committee of six Germans was named to assist the Carnegie foundation in the preparation of an "economic and social history of the world war."

Washington—A decline in the death rate from heart disease, influenza, pneumonia and tuberculosis in 1921 was announced by the census bureau.

Washington — President Harding signed a bill extending for one year the period in which German or Austrian citizens whose property was taken over by the alien property custodian may file suit for recovery.

### LULL IN IRELAND ONLY TEMPORARY LONDON BELIEVES

Daily Mail Correspondent Paints Gloomy Picture

(By Associated Press) London, Dec. 28.—Reviewing the year and conditions in Ireland, the Daily Mail's correspondent in Dublin paints a discouraging picture. He expresses the fear that the present lull in the military operations is only temporary; that republicanism is still strong enough to cause the government infinite trouble.

He attributes the constantly reviving activity among the rebels to women, 75 per cent of whom, he asserts, probably sympathize with the irregulars. He declares that even the wives of some of the ministers are passively, if not actively, rebels.

He points out that although the national services are controlled by the government they are not functioning with freedom and regularity. The ministers still are compelled to live in the government buildings; those who made brief visits to friends during Christmas have had to return to their office fortresses.

Referring to rumors which are indignantly denied by the authorities, that section of the free state army are not over-loyal, having been undetermined by rebel propaganda, the correspondent says:

"Whatever the facts may be there recently have been cases where whole garrisons of the national troops have been captured with ease by rebels."

The dispatch concludes: "Atop of all is the imminent peril of death to every member of the cabinet, who had hoped the appointment of Timothy Healy as governor general would tend to bring the parties together. Unfortunately it has not done so. The walls of Dublin are done so. The walls of Dublin are done so. The walls of Dublin are done so."

Healy, who now rivals Richard Mulcahy as the object of attack.

TEMPERATURES TODAY  
WERE AS FOLLOWS:  
MAXIMUM 67  
MINIMUM 59

### HARDING THROWS HIS WEIGHT FOR DEFEAT OF BORAH

Asks Senate Not to Adopt Plans for Another Conference

### FIGHT STILL RAGING

Sends Letter to Lodge Saying Action Would Embarrass Him

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Harding asked the senate today not to adopt Senator Borah's proposal for an international economic conference, saying in a letter to Republican Leader Lodge that formal congressional action on the subject now would embarrass him in negotiations he is already conducting looking to such a conference. Mr. Harding's letter was sent to Senator Lodge for presentation during the second day's debate on the Borah proposal, which is embodied in an amendment to the naval appropriation bill.

The end of the senate fight over the Borah proposal for the calling of the conference by the United States was not in sight today, as friends and opponents of the proposal prepared to continue debate on it. Senator Johnston, republican, California, planned to speak in opposition to the proposal, presented as an amendment to the naval appropriation bill, while other addresses were expected to be delivered by Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, who is understood to favor the amendment, and by Senator King, democrat, Utah.

Action on the proposal went over yesterday after four hours of debate opened by Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the republican floor leader, in a speech in which the first official disclosure was made that President Harding now is negotiating toward an international conference for the consideration of European economic problems. Senator Lodge, in opposing the amendment as now drawn, urged that the president be not embarrassed in his efforts in this direction.

### TWO DEATHS CAUSED BY ATLANTIC STORMS

Plymouth, England, Dec. 28.—Two fatalities at sea directly attributable to the terrific storms encountered on the Atlantic during the past week were reported by vessels reaching this port today.

William Holmes, traveling with his wife and five children on the German steamer Haimon, which arrived from Baltimore, was killed during the voyage when he was thrown to the deck, suffering a fractured skull. He was buried at sea.

The second mate of the steamer Neotsfield, bound from Newfoundland to Bremer Haven, was washed overboard and several members of the crew seriously injured, while the vessel was laboring in the terrific seas.

### DELAYS IN IMPROVEMENTS

More than two weeks have passed since the city council declared the bad condition of several sidewalks in and close to Lemon street demanded prompt improvement. So far as learned, no steps have been taken to better the properties, which, according to the report of the mayor, are "a menace to the pedestrian."

### PAYING CITY TAXES

City Tax Collector R. C. Howell reports that taxes are being paid in excellent fashion by those who realize that the city needs the money. More than \$1,000 were paid into the office the day following the opening of the books.

### Would Settle The Differences By Parliament

(By Associated Press)

Dublin, Dec. 28.—The Irish bulletin today prints a statement from Eamon De Valera replying to the recent criticism of his attitude by President Cosgrave. In the communication the republican leader says:

"The present government of the Republic is acting as the emergency trustee of the government and it is prepared to surrender its authority the moment the rightful parliament of the nation—namely, the second Dail—is allowed to meet, and the supreme court of the Republic is allowed to determine the legal and constitutional differences which both sides now are trying to solve by force."

### BROOKLYN POLICE PUZZLED BY SHOT THAT KILLED GIRL

Small Caliber Bullet Said To Range Upward Into Her Heart

(By Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 28.—Brooklyn's keenest detectives, puzzled for a solution of the mysterious shooting of Theresa McCarthy, 10-year-old school girl, in her home Tuesday, took note of the slightly upward course of the .22 caliber bullet that pierced her heart, disclosed by the autopsy, and today inclined more to the theory that another child of similar age was responsible for the tragedy.

The deduction was that the bullet's course would have been downward, rather than upward, had an older and taller person fired the shot, and in this belief the search was continued for one of Theresa's playmates frightened into silence by the tragic consequences.

The police, working on various angles in hope of the merest clue and with a dragnet over the city, have in custody James P. Grace, of Brooklyn, 25, a collector, on complaint of the father of a six-year-old Bronx girl, who was attacked by a man in the hallway of her home December 6. Thus far, however, nothing has been established, the police said, to connect this man with the Brooklyn mystery.

"There were very few girls that Theresa ever played with in the house," the slain child's mother said, "and never was any boys here, occasionally on very cold night, she had one or two girl chums in the house to play."

### Raise Wild Game If Law Permits Is the Latest Plan

(By Associated Press)

Tallahassee, Dec. 28.—The legislature in 1923 may be asked to amend the game laws of the state in order to permit raising of wild fowl on farms and their shipment to the markets.

W. A. McRae, commissioner of Agriculture, has a letter from A. R. Austin, of Springfield, Mass., asking if the state laws would permit him to establish such a farm, adding that he operates in four other states and that he had \$15,000 to invest in such a project in Florida. Attorney General Buford, to whom the letter was referred, is understood to be of the opinion that the present laws would not permit the operation of such a farm. Mr. Austin explained that he plans to raise quail, wild ducks and other game and do a general mail order business in disposing of them.

### WOODROW WILSON RECEIVING MANY CONGRATULATIONS

Birthday Greetings on His Sixty-Sixth Anniversary

### RECEIVES AT HIS HOME

Foundation Fund Has Reached a Total of \$800,000

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 28.—Former President Wilson, planning a quiet observance of the occasion at his S street home was receiving congratulations today on his sixty-sixth birthday. The only scheduled event of the day for the former president was a visit of a delegation from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation at 3 o'clock to extend birthday greetings and inform him of the progress made by the foundation in raising the \$1,000,000 fund to be used in perpetuating the ideals enunciated by him while president. It was announced at a meeting of the foundation's board of trustees in New York yesterday that \$800,000 of the amount had been contributed with another \$100,000 expected in reports not yet in hand.

Hamilton Holt, of New York, executive director of the foundation and Mrs. Kate Trenholm Abrams, vice-chairman of the District of Columbia branch of the organization headed the delegation of six members appointed to call on Mr. Wilson. No special demonstration had been planned by the delegation it was said, although it was believed a number of other organizations and individuals might join the members in the call on the former president.

### BRITISH SEEKING MODIFICATION OF REPAYMENT TERMS

"Financial Mission" Is To Arrange Easier Settlement

(By Associated Press)

London, Dec. 28.—In all newspaper comment on the Baldwin financial mission to the United States hope is expressed that the terms fixed by the American congress for repayment of the British debt may be modified. They are universally regarded here as excessively onerous and in some quarters are described as "such as Great Britain would not dream of trying to exact from a debtor."

The period of redemption is particularly condemned and Otto H. Kahn's suggestion for a 47-year term is thought far more reasonable than 25 years set by congress.

The chief hope here for modification is based upon American bankers, who, it is trusted, may be able to influence congress and American public opinion in effecting easier terms. Some of the newspapers understand that the American funding commission will not be limited by congressional stipulations and expect that discussion will result in an easier deal for Great Britain.

### BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts of troop No. 2 will meet at the store building next to Carman's store on Lemon street, tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. RANDALL, Scoutmaster.

### ON BROADWAY Side Lights on Fashion and Fancy

By Lucy Jeanne Price.

New York, Dec. 28.—Nothing has happened lately in Eastern Club Circles, among the patriotic women of the country, and especially in New York society, more interesting than the announcement of the candidacy of Mrs. William Cummings Story for the position of President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She has been known for years to the public as the "Purple Lady of Patriotism". This expression rose from her penchant for purple in attire, never being seen in any other color and the fact that she has probably been identified in an important capacity in most American patriotic endeavors than any other woman in the country. Mrs. Story was President General of the D. A. R. for two successive terms, from 1913 to 1917. During these unsettled days she stood for a militant policy of preparedness, and in so doing brought down the wrath of the pacifist agitators upon her. She now has acceded to a demand from a large portion of the membership that she go before the Daughters again for the same honor, declaring that the policy of the Society has not sustained the work she undertook during her incumbency, and warning the membership that there is a greater work of preparedness against the danger of radicalism than ever existed in her old fighting days. The fight she will wage for election will eclipse any other woman's activity during the coming months.

It doesn't help a dog cut much to belong to a family of wealth. His troubles are as bitter as those of the tenements. Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt was one of the eleven dog owners fined \$1 each in court the other day for permitting their pet to go unmuzzled. She arranged for the payment of the fine alright, so the dog wasn't put in jail, but he can go free of muzzles no more.

What our street cleaners will do when the last vehicle has been motorized, I can't imagine. The "white wings" never oil their little push-carts before they start out. Probably the city doesn't supply the grease for them. But they have a simple way of getting it when the wheels begin to creek to mournfully. Getting caught in traffic stop at a corner, they maneuver their carts to the side of some horse drawn truck and with a stick dig out the excess grease from the hub of the larger vehicle and smear it on their own axles.

Them uch looked forward to production of "Romeo and Juliet", with Ethel Barrymore, will open at the Longacre Theatre, December 27, according to announcement just made by its producer, Arthur Hopkins. McKay Morris will be the Romeo and Mercutio will be played by Basil Sydney, who has established himself so firmly in the hearts of New York theatre goers this past year in the clad roles of "He Who Gets Slapped" and "R. U. R." In giving us John Barrymore's "Hamlet" and his sister's "Juliet" in one season, Arthur Hopkins will have obligated the American public to him for evermore, I should say.

Even those who know Lillian Russell well as an actress seldom knew her as an eager amateur art collector. Yet for twenty years, with remarkable discrimination and taste, she kept enlarging her Chinese collection, and now, disposed about rooms of the New American Art Galleries, it is being admired by a public who never had heard of this off-stage interest of this beloved woman of the stage.

For the first time, a woman will head one of the state department of New York. Moreover it will be a woman, according to Gov. Henry J. Thayer, the state department of New York.

### GRAND JURY WILL PROBE BOMB PLANS DISCOVERED

Commissioners of City Are Selected for Victims

### HOMES ARE GUARDED

Alleged Bombers' List Includes Several Policemen

(By Associated Press)

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 28.—The Muscogee county grand jury will convene here today in extraordinary session to investigate the alleged bomb plot unearthed here yesterday which caused the police to place guards around the homes of the five city commissioners, an apartment house and a large factory. The police reported early today that there was no visible move made on the part of the alleged plotters last night.

The police continued their activity early today to obtain evidence and to round up suspects and it is said they were ready to present to the grand jurors full details of the so-called plot which they claimed had been formulated to bring about wholesale destruction in this city.

Marshall Morton, a city commissioner, in a statement made public last night, claimed that the alleged plotters had planned their first attack early today. He said that he based his statement on what had taken place at a meeting of the alleged plotters held Tuesday night in a cemetery.

In his statement he intimated that the authorities have the names of evildoers.

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### WARN GULF PORTS BERGDOLL MAY BE ON BOARD JUPITER

Government Keen After Deserter Believed on Steamer

(By Associated Press)

Through the Associated Press the government has sent out bulletins to every port of entry to "Please keep a sharp watch for the arrival of the steamship Jupiter, reported to have on board Grover Cleveland Bergdoll." Pensacola is said to be the port of call.

### British Fleet Has Hurry Order To Near East

(By Associated Press)

Malta, Dec. 28.—As a result of unsatisfactory news from Lausanne, it is understood that the ships of the British Mediterranean fleet which arrived here December 23 for a three weeks' visit, have received orders to return to the Near East.

Naval authorities were reticent today, but it was believed that Admiral De Robeck, commander in chief of the Mediterranean fleet, was preparing to leave this afternoon with all available vessels.

### LOUISIANA OFFICIALS TO PRESENT THEIR CASE

McKoin Held Awaiting Testimony From Bastrop

### EVIDENCE SUPPRESSED

Friends Arrested Man Express Belief in Him

(By Associated Press)

Bastrop, Dec. 28.—Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, is fighting for immediate release from the state prison here. He is held "without prejudice" to the Louisiana authorities an opportunity to present their case. Dr. McKoin was arrested Tuesday at the home of the governor of Louisiana, and accused him of murder in connection with the Morehouse kidnapping case of August.

(By Associated Press)

Bastrop, Dec. 28.—Three judges heard arguments today on the writ of habeas corpus obtained yesterday by counsel for Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, who was arrested here Tuesday on a murder charge, preferred by Attorney John M. Parker, of Louisiana. The arrest of the doctor is the result of the Morehouse parish and kidnapping case of last August, which resulted in the death of Mer Rouge men.

Shortly after receipt of a telegram from Governor Parker last night requesting local police officials to hold Dr. McKoin pending arrival of extradition papers, word was received from Bastrop that a warrant for Dr. McKoin's arrest had been issued by Attorney General Coco of Louisiana. Assurance of the warrant, it is believed, will make it unnecessary for authorities to make known their reasons against Dr. McKoin in order to extradite him as well as foreclosing any attempt to release him.

Many telegrams from friends of Dr. McKoin have been received offering moral and financial support. Among them are included some from persons associated with the medical profession, as well as one from the Capital Savings and Trust Company of Mer Rouge offering to deposit in the bank funds sufficient to obtain the release on bail of the doctor.

Programs also have been received supporting Dr. McKoin's statement that he was in Monroe, La., the night of August 24, when the kidnapping murders were alleged to have taken place. One from Dr. J. H. Hays of Monroe, stated that Dr. McKoin was with him in Monroe 8 p. m. to 10 p. m. the night of August 24. The kidnappings were alleged to have occurred in Mer Rouge between 7 p. m. and 10 p. m.

Dr. Gray, president of the fifth medical association and six physicians also telegraphed Dr. McKoin in Monroe that Dr. McKoin was formerly a member of that organization.

### Extradition Papers Issue

Bastrop, Dec. 28.—Chief interest in the Morehouse kidnapping case centered today at New Orleans when Governor John M. Parker is expected to hold a conference with Attorney General Coco and special agents.

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